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The Democrats are on the defensive now,
Keep them there.

RESUMPTION is now a fixed fact; only
22 days more and it will become a legal
fact.

DEMOCRATIC explanations, apologies, and
attempts to defend the indefensible, are the
order of the day.

"OPERATIVE" BENSON does not seem to
have been a Secret Service official, although
he belongs to that Bureau of the Treasury
Department. His voice is too active.

THE EDMUND-BLAINE resolutions will
undoubtedly be presented to the Senate to-
morrow. The greatest debate that has hap-
pened in Congress since the days of Seces-
sion will follow.

WHICH is the Potter Committee? We
mean, of course, that body of eager Demo-
cratic inquisitors who a few months ago
were so energetically engaged in pursuing
Secretary Sherman.

JONES may make foolish prophecies
about the result of elections in Ohio; but
he knows enough to "let well enough alone." He
is not a candidate for sergeant-at-arms
of the Senate; but will stick to his present
post, provided the p. p. will stick to him.

THE venerable PETER COOPER still in-
sists that the Greenbacks will control the
future of this country. Does he mean, like
Peter of old, that every man has his price?
In that event it would make matters much
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highest respect for BEN's truthfulness on
all subjects, but we don't think he would
lie about a few pounds of butter.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, a "stalwart"
Radical paper, slanders TILDEN. That is nat-
ural. The Arkansas Gazette, an alleged Demo-
cratic paper, does the same thing. That is
unnatural—apparently.—Arkansas Democrat.

When extremes meet, as in the case herein-
described, there is cause for rejoicing among
good men of all parties. But we are forced
to admit the truth of the Democrat's closing
sentence. It is a little unnatural that the
Gazette, being a Democratic paper, should
join us in exposing the rascality of the last
Democratic candidate for President. Never-
theless we can cipher out an explanation
to our own satisfaction.

It was among the proprieties of things
that Mr. ATKINS, chairman of the Appropriation
Committee, should have originated the inquiry
into the alleged theft of the Hot
Springs appropriation bill. His Democratic
associates of the Committee on Enclosed
Bills were too drunk to do it, and Mr.
RAINEY was too busy attending to business
they had neglected. But the matter should
not be allowed to rest with the investigation
now being carried on by the Senate, unless,
indeed, the Democratic House is satisfied to
permit such a theft to pass by as among the
ordinary casualties of Democratic control in
that body.

THERE has been a great deal of talk
about specie resumption and the redemption
of the legal-tender notes issued by the Gov-
ernment, but Mr. BURCHARD assumes that
point to have been passed and the legal-
tenders to be above par, for yesterday he intro-
duced a bill in effect to redeem coin in
greenbacks; or, in other words, "requiring
national banking associations to receive
the legal-tender coin on deposit at par
and in exchange at par for United States
and national bank notes." When legislative
enactment is required to compel banks to
receive coin in exchange for notes it
would seem that resumption was an accom-
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REPRESENTATIVE RAINY, of South Cor-
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tickets in the election of Congressmen in
the future by making it a felony to use bal-
lots which are written or printed upon
tissue paper, or to use any ballots which
are written or printed upon a piece of paper
less than five inches in length and three
inches in width. Of course they may be as
much larger than this prescribed size as the
necessities of the case may require. There
are other provisions of Mr. RAINY's bill
to prevent frauds in such elections which
are equally commendable with this one. It
is now in the hands of the Judiciary Com-
mittee of the House, where, in the ordinary
course of events, it will rest until the *sine die*
adjournment, for the Democratic major-
ity is not demonstrably anxious to
legislate on such questions just now. In
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wise; but whenever men of culture, training,
ability, and integrity are placed on the diplomatic
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tance, our representation abroad should
be largely increased and sent to the most
isolated ports to sustain our interests, expand
our commercial relations, and extend
the name, flag, and fame of the American
Republic. There are many places of com-
mercial importance in other countries
where the flag of this nation has never yet
floated over the roof of a properly-accredited
representative, where even insignificant
Portuguese and feeble Italy proudly unfurl
their flags to protect their subjects and
foster their commerce. It is time this na-
tion entered the lists in earnest to compete
for commercial supremacy, and this can
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